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2 M I N A ’ T R E N T A I D O S N A L I H E S L A T U R A N G U Â H A N:
3 W H E R E A S, since 1995, the President of the United States has made an official
4 proclamation of World AIDS Day, which is observed on December 1st every year,
and brings people together from around the world to raise awareness about
HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is an opportunity for public and private partners
to spread awareness about the status of the pandemic, and to encourage progress in
HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care on Guam and around the world; and

WHEREAS, initiated by the United Nations and first held in 1988, World
AIDS Day was the first ever declared global health day; and commemorating the day
presents an opportunity to demonstrate international solidarity in the face of the
pandemic; and

WHEREAS, HIV/AIDS continues to be a major global public health issue, as
the disease has claimed more than 25 million lives over the past three (3) decades,
making it one of the most destructive epidemics in recorded history; and

WHEREAS, there are almost 1.2 million Americans living with HIV infection,
and an estimated fifty thousand (50,000) new HIV infections are occurring each year.
On Guam, there have been two hundred fifty-two (252) cases of HIV infections
reported since 1985, and there are approximately sixty-five (65) people currently
living with HIV; and the island continues to be considered a low HIV prevalence area
in comparison to the fifty (50) U.S. states; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Guam HIV Planning Group (HIV CPG) is “to
identify new HIV infections and reduce HIV-related disparities through the
collaboration and coordination of prevention, care and treatment services in our
island”; and
WHEREAS, the HIV CPG plays a critical role in the seamless coordination of the partnership efforts of public and private organizations through its planning processes; and

WHEREAS, the HIV CPG has partnered with numerous government agencies and nonprofit organizations, such as WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI); Guam’s Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA); Family Planning; Maternal Child Health Programs; the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center; the Just Say No Crew; the University of Guam; the Immunization Program; the Tuberculosis Program; the Guam Department of Education; Sanctuary, Inc.; Oasis; the Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence; and the Salvation Army, to promote its mission, to educate the people of Guam, and to be aligned with the National HIV/AIDS Strategy; and

WHEREAS, WestCare Pacific Islands and Guam’s Alternative Lifestyle Association are the only two (2) community-based organizations on Guam that have Certified STD/HIV Prevention Counselors; and have implemented HIV Rapid Testing and STD testing on the island of Guam; and

WHEREAS, HIV care and continuum of services are available and accessed by People Living with HIV (PLWH); and a push towards greater access to treatment for all, and an effective treatment with antiretroviral drugs can control the virus so that people with HIV can enjoy healthy and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, there is substantial biological evidence demonstrating that the presence of other sexually transmitted diseases (STD), like chlamydia, gonorrhea or syphilis, increases the likelihood of both transmitting and acquiring HIV. The 2012
chlamydia rate in Guam was 646 per 100,000 population, which surpassed the U.S.
national average rate of 456.7 per 100,000 population, and which ranked Guam as
number 5 in the United States and its territories. This is an important indicator that
unprotected sex is a risk factor for HIV transmission, and working collectively to
ensure cross collaboration among community stakeholders is an important strategy to
curb new HIV infections; and

WHEREAS, Guam is considered a low HIV prevalence area, and efforts are
ongoing to prevent an HIV epidemic. The HPG’s role is to ensure that the island’s
resources are directed to strengthening the island’s STD and HIV prevention and care
efforts. Also, HPG is working towards addressing key populations such as MSM,
injection drug users, pregnant women at risk for STDs and HIV, and especially among
young people where STDs, most notably chlamydia, continue to impact the age group,
15 to 25 years of age; and even more critical is to develop sexual reproductive health
and responsibility programs and behavioral wellness programs among young people;
and

WHEREAS, public and private partnerships continue to strengthen the island’s
efforts to respond to HIV by ensuring that the Guam HIV Planning Group (HPG),
WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI), Guam’s Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA),
the Family Planning Program, and the Guam Department of Education continue to
advocate for programs that promote sexual reproductive health, as well as behavioral
health and wellness programs; and that these programs are developed appropriately
and implemented towards an AIDS- free generation; and
WHEREAS, as we observe World AIDS Day on December 1, 2014, we must improve and strengthen our community’s response to HIV through the collaboration of public and private partnerships. This year’s 2014 World AIDS Day theme of “Focus, Partner, Achieve: An AIDS-free Generation” serves to remind us that our work is far from over; and

WHEREAS, individuals who have played an active role in the observance of World AIDS Day 2014 are: Evan San Nicolas (GALA); Vince J. Aguon, HIV Planning Group Health Department Chair; Tim de La Cruz, HIV Planning Group Community Chair and Executive Director of Guam’s Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA); and Sarah Thomas-Nededog, Executive Director (WestCare Pacific Islands); and the numerous community stakeholders are: the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center; the University of Guam; the Guam Department of Education; the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services; and other partners providing HIV care and prevention services, such as the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority, the Department of Corrections, and local private and military medical clinics and labs; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina’Trentai Dos Na Lihesluran Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Lihesluran Guåhan and the people of Guam, recognize the observance of World AIDS Day on December 1, 2014, with the theme: “Focus, Partner, Achieve: An AIDS-free Generation”; and does further extend a warm and sincere Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu‘os Ma‘åse’ to the Guam HIV Planning Group (HPG), Guam’s Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA), and WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI) for strengthening the Guam community’s response
to HIV, and for continuing to mobilize our island’s efforts in the fight against HIV;

and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
the same be thereafter transmitted to the World AIDS Day Planning Committee: Evan
San Nicolas (Guam’s Alternative Lifestyle Association); Vince J. Aguon (Guam HIV
Planning Group - Health Department Chair); Tim de La Cruz (Guam HIV Community
Chair and Executive Director of Guam’s Alternative Lifestyle Association); and Sarah
Thomas-Nededog, Executive Director (WestCare Pacific Islands); and to the
Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga’lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
*I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 1ST DAY OF
DECEMBER 2014.*

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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

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RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary
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